

201—20.6(904) Publications. The institution shall allow inmates access to publications when consistent with institutional goals of maintaining internal order, safety, security, and rehabilitation.

20.6(1) Publications include periodicals, newspapers, books, and other printed matter. All publications shall be unused and sent directly from a reputable publishing firm or book store which does mail order business. Any exceptions must be authorized by the warden or superintendent. No publication will be denied approval solely on the basis of its appeal to a particular ethnic, racial, religious, or political group. The quantity of printed materials, as with other personal property, will be controlled for safety and security reasons.

20.6(2) All publications not on the approved list shall be reviewed by a publication review committee for approval or denial.

a. The committee shall be appointed by the director, department of corrections, and shall include a person with broad exposure to various publications, and two representatives of correctional institutions.

b. The committee shall fairly review all types of publications to be received by inmates in accordance with these rules.

20.6(3) The following procedures shall be used when reviewing a publication not on the approved list:

a. The committee shall approve or deny publications within 15 working days of receipt of the publication.

b. When a publication is denied, the committee shall send a written notice to the inmate, stating the publication involved, the reason for denial, and the inmate's available appeal process.

c. The inmate shall have five days to notify the designated institution staff where to send the material at the inmate's expense or notify the institution that the decision is being appealed.

d. A list of approved publications shall be maintained.

20.6(4) A publication may be denied when the publication presents a danger to the security or order of an institution or is detrimental to the rehabilitation of the inmate. Authorized reasons for denying a publication are that the publication:

a. Is likely to be disruptive or produce violence.

b. Contains material which portrays a minor (any person 17 years of age or younger) engaged in or simulating any of the following:

(1) An act which involves sexual contact between two or more persons by penetration of penis into the vagina or anus, by contact between the mouth and the genitalia or by contact between the genitalia of one person and the genitalia or anus of another person, or by the use of artificial sexual organs or substitutes therefor in contact with the genitalia or anus.

(2) An act of bestiality involving a minor.

(3) Fondling or touching the pubes or genitals of the minor.

(4) Fondling or touching the pubes or genitals of a person by a minor.

(5) Sadomasochistic abuse of a minor for the purpose of arousing or satisfying sexual desires of the person who may view a depiction of the abuse.

(6) Sadomasochistic abuse of a person by a minor for the purpose of arousing or satisfying the sexual desires of the person who may view a portrayal of the abuse.

(7) Nudity of a minor for the purpose of arousing or satisfying the sexual desires of a person who may view a portrayal of the nude minor.

c. Contains material portraying bestiality, sadomasochism, or excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals as prohibited by Iowa Code section 728.1(2).

d. Contains information relating to escapes or formulating escape plans.

e. Contains information relating to provoking a riot or disturbance.

f. Contains information relating to obtaining an emotional or behavioral state comparable to those produced by a controlled substance, by using aerosols, glue, or other chemical materials.

g. Contains materials which illustrate, explain, describe, or teach martial arts, or other manufacture of weapons or explosives, or advocate behavior contrary to duly established institution rules or Iowa statutes. Contains materials which illustrate, explain, describe, or teach ability to frustrate crowd or riot control methods. Contains materials which illustrate, explain, describe, or teach ability to sabotage

or disrupt communications networks, including a prison's internal and external communications and automated information systems.

h. Contains information concerning criminal activities.

i. Contains encoded material. This shall not automatically include foreign language publications not otherwise prohibited in these rules.

j. May violate postal regulations, such as threats, blackmail, contraband, or similar violations.

20.6(5) Portrayal of fellatio, cunnilingus, masturbation, ejaculation, sexual intercourse, male erection, or other sexually explicit materials will be denied to those inmates when the material is detrimental to the rehabilitation of an individual inmate, based on psychological/psychiatric recommendation.

20.6(6) Publications which contain material portraying fellatio, cunnilingus, masturbation, ejaculation, sexual intercourse or male erection and are not prohibited by 20.6(4) "b," 20.6(4) "c," or 20.6(5) above will be controlled for the security and order of the institution and to assist in enabling its control from those inmates denied access by 20.6(5) above. Institutional procedures shall be established for the inmate to reserve time in a designated controlled area and obtain the material for reading during specified times. The publication will be secured until the inmate makes arrangements for further review of the material. An inmate may have secured no more than ten publications at any given time, none of which are over three months old from publication date or receipt, and any that are in excess of the ten limit or over three months old must be sent out of the institution at the inmate's expense, or destroyed or taken with the inmate upon release.

20.6(7) An inmate may appeal the committee's decision or the denial of a publication for treatment reasons within ten days of receipt of the decision by filing written objections to the Director, Department of Corrections, Capitol Annex Building, 523 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The director's decision shall be final.